I value obtaining Internet service from an independent ISP such as Sonic.net. BellSouth's request would badly affect consumers with regards to my available choice of Internet Service for broadband. The practice of allowing large entities such as BellSouth to go unregulated or to operate with much-slackened regulations, does not , in fact, make for more freedom in competition, and thus, the best deal for the customer. Please preserve the indepent ISP's.